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# The British Apollo:

OR,

## *Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.*

To which are Added the moſt

## Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

*Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.*

From Monday October 30th. to Wedneſday November 1ſt. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. THIS *ſaid in the* 11. Chap. *of St.* Matthew's *Goſpel*, Ver. 11 Verily I ſay unto you, among them that are Born of Women, there hath not Riſen a greater then *John the Baptiſt*: Notwithſtanding, he that is leaſt in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he *Our deſire is to know the meaning of* the leaſt in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. *In Anſwering this you will much Oblige,*

*Your Humble Servants,* &c.

*A.* By the *Kingdom of Heaven* here, as in many other Places of the New Teſtament, is meant the Preaching of the Kingdom of Heaven or of the Glad-Tidings of the Goſpel of which the Prophets before the coming of *John the Baptiſt* had ſpoken Obſcurely, but he plainly and openly. And therefore this Compariſon of *John the Baptiſt* with the Prophets that went before him is not made ſo much with regard to the Sanctity of his Life or the Dignity of his Perſon, as the Sublimity and Perſpicuity of his Doctrine, in which laſt he exceeded all his Predeceſſors But as much as *John*, by being the Fore-runner of the *Meſſias*, and the *Preparer of his ways*, excelled the Prophets before him, in the Nature of his prophecy; ſo much, ſays our Saviour, the leaſt of thoſe, to whom the Preaching of the Goſpel Diſpenſation is committed, excells him by the Fulneſs of the Knowledg of the Redemption of Mankind. For before the coming of *John* this was a Miſtery, in the time of *John* it began to ſhine forth, but after the Paſſion and Reſurrection of our Saviour, and the Deſcent of the Holy Ghoſt, it appeared in an open and Meridian Light. So then *John* knew more of it then the Prophets; but the Apoſtles and Miniſters of the Goſpel more than *John*.

Q. Gentlemen, *Reading the other Day in the* Bible, *I obſerved that in the* 2d. *Book of* Kings, *the* 20th Chap. *and* 11th Ver. *It is ſaid that the ſhadow was brought backwards* 10 *Degrees, in the Dial of* Ahaz. *But in the* 38th Chap. *of* Iſaiah, *relating to the ſame Story of the Recovery of* Hezekiah *from his Sickneſs, it is ſaid the Sun returned* 10 *Degrees. Your Opinion is deſired, whether the Miracle conſiſted in the return of the Sun, or in the return of the ſhadow only? And whether it happened in other Dials as well as in that of* Ahaz. *Your ſpeedy Anſwer will Oblige your Admirer, becauſe a Wager is depending on your Anſwer to the Queſtion.*

*Yours,* C. M.

*A.* Had the return of the ſhadow only been mentioned, it might have admitted of a Diſpute, whether the Cauſe of it was the return of the Sun, or whether the Miracle was viſible only in *Hezekiah*'s, and conſequently was effected by ſome other Manner, without altering the whole Courſe of Nature. But the expreſs mention of the Sun's return, we think, leaves no room for any ſuch Queſtions, and is at the ſame time a demonſtrative Argument that this Miracle was viſible over the whole Globe.

Q. APOLLO, *Pray, as ſoon as you can, inform me how thoſe* Stones *at* Stone-henge, *near* Amsbury, *came there, and for what Reaſon they were there ſet up, for I find the Country People differ in their Opinion about it, and none of them ſeem to ſhew any likely Reaſon for their being ſet up. Your ſpeedy Anſwer will much Oblige,*

*Your Admirer,* J. K.

*A.* The Antiquarians are no leſs divided than the Country People about the Nature and Original of that Monument; ſome of them aſſerting it to be a Work of the *Phœnicians*, others a Temple of the *Druids*, others a Triumphal *Britiſh* Monument; erected to *Anaraith* the Goddeſs of Victory, or (as

others wou'd have it) in Memory of Queen *Boadicea*. Mr. *Jones* Conjectures that it was a Temple Built by the *Romans* to the God *Cœlum* or *Terminus* of the *Tuscan* Order; and some again wou'd have it to be a *Danish* Monument, Erected for a Burying Place, or a Trophy for some Victory, or a Place for the Election and Coronation of their Kings. We have examined the Reasons that are used in Defence of every one of these Opinions, but can find no such Weight in any of them as is sufficient to determine the Dispute

Q. Gentlemen, *There being a Vapor which by Marriners is call'd a* Corpo Zanto *usually accompanying a Storm; I desire you will favor me with an Account of the occasion thereof.*

*Your Admirer,* J. Shertiss.

*A.* Whenever this Meteor is seen it is an Argument, that the Tempest, which it accompanied, was caused by a Sulphureous Spirit, carrying and violently moving the Clouds. For the Cause of the Fire is a Sulphureous and Bituminous Matter, driven downwards by the Impetuous Motion of the Air, and kindled by much Agitation. Sometimes there are several of these seen in the same Tempest wandring about in various Motions as other *Ignes Fatui* do, tho' sometimes they appear to rest upon the Sails or Masts of the Ship: But for the most they Leap upwards and downwards without any Intermission, making a Flame like the Flame Burning of a Candle. If five of them are seen near together, they are called by the *Portuguese*, *Cova de Nstra Senhora*, and are looked upon as a sure sign that the Storm is almost over.

Q. Learned Apollo, *I would desire to know why in the beginning of Cold Weather the Flies Swarm so much in Cellars, by which you will Oblige,*

*Your Subscriber,* T. S.

*A.* We suppose there is no farther Difficulty in in this, than that by Natural Instinct they seek the Warmest Places they can find, for their Subsistence.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, Resolve me in your next, Whether or no Glass is Porous, as all other Metals are, and you will Oblige,*

*Your Humble Servant,* J—s. P——n.

*A.* That not only Glass but all other Bodies are Porous is evident because they wou'd otherwise be all of the same Specific Gravity. For the only Reason why one Body is heavier than another of the same Figure and Dimension, but of a different Texture, Composition or Quality, is because there is a greater quantity of Matter in one than the other. And what is wanting in the quantity of Matter in the lighter Body in Order to make it of the same Dimension with the other, is made not by the greatness of the Interstices, or Vacuities between the Particles of Matter which constitute that Body. So that to say that Bodies of different qualities have different Specific Gravities, is no more in Effect than to say, that one of them is more Porous than another. Thus for Instance, if the Specific Gravity of Gold to that of common Glass be as 6 to 1, then we may say that Glass is Six Times as Porous as Gold.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, In your next inform me what the Business of a Cursitor is, and whether when a Young Man hath served a Time, he may follow the Business, or whether there be a certain Number of them, and they buy their Places, and if so, what such a Post is usually Sold for, and thereby you will Oblige,*

*Your Servant,* L. L.

*A.* A Cursitor is an Officer or Clerk belonging to the *Chancery*, who makes out Original Writs, into the Shires that are allotted to him. There are Twenty Four of them in Number, to each of which certain Shires are allotted, as may be seen in *Chamberlain's Present State of England*, where also each Clerks Yearly Salary is set down. But how such Places are obtained we know not.

# POEMS.

Q. INdulgent Bards, *with Kind propitious Strine,*
*Upon my Soul, for ne'er was Grief like mine.*
*Fair Sylvia was——— O sad recesse of Bliss,*
*To say she* was, *and cannot say* she is!
*She was, three Revolutions of the Sun,*
*The Fourth in course my Joys did daily run;*
*Ten thousand Blessings crown'd with Downy Rest,*
*I hoarded up in her inviting Breast,*
*And some new Rapture ev'ry Hour confess'd:*
*Thus liv'd we in the extatic Charms of Love,*
*And scarce had Faith, in fuller Joys* Above;
*'Till one invidious Moment vail'd my Light,*
*With sable Curtains of Eternal Night:*
*Inexorable* Death *my* Rival *prov'd,*
*And th' Darling Object from my Eyes remov'd;*
*So swift the Tyrant and the Prize pursue,*
*He scarce gave Leisure for a Last Adieu.*
*Since which Storms and Tempestuous Billows roul,*
*And with oppressive Loads o'erwhelm my Soul;*
*Life irksome grows, and with disgustful Taste,*
*While e'ery Hour I count to be my Last;*
*But that Grim Monarch, tho' too swift he fled,*
*To seize his Prey, as if by Instinct led,*
*When his long Absence was implor'd with Dread;*
*Now his kind Presence is invok'd with Tears,*
*Deaf to my earnest Wishes he appears.*

*Since Life is now unworthy of my Care,*
*With Horror fill'd, and circled with Despair;*
*Nor can it Life be call'd, that must be done,*
*Now* She, *who was the Soul of Life, is gone;*
*Say, ye* Learn'd Bards, *say, shou'd* Heav'n *provoke,*
*If my own Hand shou'd give the Fatal Stroke,*
*To mount me to those* Fields of Light *Above,*
*And fix me by the* Object of my Love?

STREPHON.

*A.* Your

*A.* Your Caſe is wondrous ſad, but, O forbear!
To make it worſe, Poor *Strephon!* by Deſpair;
Too much for *Nature* to ſupport, you feel,
But there are *Brighter Lights*, ſure Aids reveal;
They will inform, no *Mortal Object* is,
Worthy the *Soul*, fram'd for *Superior Bliſs*:
And that no *Finite Being* can ſupply,
Pleaſures adapted to *Infinity*;
That ſuch the *Soul* in *Energy* appears,
Which ſuffer'd to exert, to *Heav'n* it ſteers;
There it ſuch *Objects of Delight* will find,
Will fill th' Extent of your Capacious Mind.

Beſides, conſider, had the Fair remain'd,
'Till Age a natural Aſcendant gain'd,
How ſhort, how momentary were the Joy,
A ſerious Thought, ſcarce worthy to employ;
Whereas thoſe Pleaſures ſtor'd above the Sky,
Add to their *Fulneſs*, vaſt *Eternity*.

But O! expunge that execrable *Thought*,
By Inſtigation of *Infernals* wrought;
To hope a black Aſſault on your own Breaſt,
Can ever lead you to *Eternal Reſt*;
You are your Great *Creator's* Property,
Nor can your ſelf, without *his Licenſe* free,
Such horrid Deeds for ever wou'd remove,
Your tainted Soul, from th' *Object of your Love*.

## APOLLO,

Q. *One Query more I will advance,*
*Which comes not from* Spain, *or* France,
*But from a Country will appear,*
*To lie more North, 'tis* Lancaſhire;
*Explain't, I'll thank you,* Quo ad hunc,
*'Tis this* (there 'tis Quô Nell a Bunch;
*When ſhe pull'd Child out o'th' Bed-ſtraws*)
*I'd know as well, as what ſhe was,*
*Why* Nelly's *call'd to be a Witneſs,*
*To every Silly Paltry Buſineſs*;
*This Saying, tho' you'll ſay, 'tis no big one,*
*You may be aſſur'd is us'd in* Wigan;
*Till you this and my Satyr anſwer,*
*I no more Queries think t'advance, Sir*;
*But then ſo often and ſo* multus,
*In Gratitude you will conſult thus,*
*Look ſharp, this comes from Friend* Indultus?

*A.* A *Midwife*, 't ſeems, of ancient Fame.
There dwelt at *Wigan*, of that Name;
Who fill'd each Goſſipping with Chat,
And ev'ry thing ſhe ſaid was pat;
Tho' ſhe might not adapt her Strains
To Senſe, ſhe fix'd 'em to their Brains;
And ſurely that was full as good,
As wiſer, when not underſtood.
For things which are Wiſe in their own Senſe,
Not apprehended, are but Nonſenſe:
At length this *Nelly* grew ſo Famous,
That he was thought no Man, a Mouſe
Or fit on great Affairs to tend,
Who had not *Nelly* at Tongues end

## APOLLO,

Q. *I know an Old Woman,*
*Is Thereſcore and Ten,*
*Yoak'd to a Young Fellow,*
*Of Twenty and Sev'n.*
*'Tis true ſhe has Money,*
*And that is the Reaſon,*
*Of making his Court,*
*To a bit out of Seaſon.*
*'Twas noot out of Lewdneſs,*
*As prove it I can,*
*I mean in the Woman,*
*But to make him a Man.*
*In Wealth now he flows,*
*Tho' I knew him before,*
*To be deep in Debt and*
*Moſt wretchedly Poor.*
*But think you, it poſſible*
*Is, he can Love,*
*A Wife of thoſe Years, and*
*A Good Husband prove?*

*A.* Since 'twas not her Dotage
Or Wanton Deſire,
But a Gen'rous Temper,
Her Love did inſpire;
If he cannot a Beauty,
In ſuch Goodneſs find,
It will ſhew he is both,
Ungrateful and Blind.

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*SIR,*

THE Letters from the Hague, Nov. 4th. Say, that General Schuylembourg has Written from the Camp before Aire, that notwithſtanding the Vigorous Reſiſtance of the Garriſon, he hop'd to make them beat a Parley in 5 or 6 Days time, that the Council of State ſent Order by the laſt Poſt, for the March of their High-Mightineſſes Battalions of the Guarranty-Army to March into the Province of Overiſſel: And that they are aſſur'd, that they will be Quarter'd in Deventer and other Places, till it is found requiſite they ſhould advance into Germany; That the Equipment of their Squadron of Men of War for the Mediterranean is very much haſtned; And that as the Waters are not yet fallen, Advantage is taken of their Depth for the difficult Paſſage of the Pampus by the Ships that are furniſh'd by the Admiralty of Amſterdam, 3 of which paſs'd it laſt Week.

London.

London, November the 1st.

On Saturday Morning last, the Earl of Rivers arrived at Harwich from Holland.

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*Montgomery*, *John Pugh*, Esq.
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*Carnarvon Town*, *William Griffith* Esq.
*Shire of Renfrew*, Sir *Robert Pollock*.
*Shire of Selkirk*, *John Pringle*, Esq. of *Haining*.
*Gloucestershire*, *John Berkley*, *Matthew Ducy Morton*, Esqrs.
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*Bristol*, *Edward Colston*, Sen. *Joseph Earle*, Esqs.
*Hereford West*, *John Laugharne*, Esq.
*Cardigan*, *John Meyrick*, Esq.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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